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SUBJECT: POLITICAL, INTERNATIONAL AND MILITARY ASPECTS OF PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

SUMMARY: ECONOMIC ISSUES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS (REPORTED IN SEPTTEL)
PREDOMINATED IN PRESIDENT'S "STATE OF THE UNION" MESSAGE PRESENTED
TO CONGRESS ON ITS MARCH 1 OPENING SESSION. MESSAGE ALSO INCLUDED
RATHER DRY AND DETAILED CATALOGUE FOR THE RECORD OF BRAZILIAN
GOVERNMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN INTERNAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT,
FOREIGN POLICY AND MILITARY MODERNIZATION. IN COMMENTING ON
INTERNAL POLITICS, HE AGAIN PLEDGED THAT THIS YEAR'S
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD WITH FULL GUARANTEES, WHILE
PERMITTING NO CHALLENGE TO THE REVOLUTION. IT AFFIRMED THAT
THE EXISTING TWO-PARTY SYSTEM HAS NOT LOST ITS VALIDITY. THE
FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECTION REITERATED THE FAMILIAR BRZILIAN VIEW
OF THE END OF BI-POLARITY AND THE PASSING OF AUTOMATIC
ALIGNMENTS AND LISTED MAJOR AGREEMENTS, MEETINGS AND VISITS
UNDERTAKEN DURING THE YEAR. THE MILITARY SECTION PAYS THE
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EXPECTED HOMAGE TO THE ARMED FORCES FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION

TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SETTLEMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND CITES THEIR PROGRAMS TO MODERNIZE WHILE PROMOTING DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT. IN GENERAL, MESSAGE CONTAINED FEW SURPRISES, WAS UNREVEALING AND SOMEWHAT LESS OPTIMISTIC IN TONE THAN 1975 MESSAGE. END SUMMARY.

1. INTERNAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS WERE NOT MAJOR THEME IN PRESIDENT'S MARCH 1 MESSAGE, IN WHICH ECONOMIC CONCERNS PREDOMINATED. INTRODUCTORY PORTION EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT EXECUTIVE WOULD CONTINUE TO RECEIVE COOPERATION OF CONGRESS IN PUSHING THROUGH NEEDED REFORM LEGISLATION SUCH AS REFORM OF JUDICIARY, LAW OF CORPORATIONS AND OTHER IMPORTANT LEGISLATION. MESSAGE ALSO PREDGED THAT GOVERNMENT WOULD ASSURE PEACE, ORDER AND FULL EXERCISE OF RIGHT TO VOTE FOR ALL CITIZENS IN 1976 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, THOUGH IT WOULD NOT ALLOW HEATED ELECTORAL CLIMATE TO BE USED TO CHALLENGE THE REVOLUTION. MESSAGE ALSO DEFENDED PRESENT TWO-PARTY POLITICAL SYSTEM, STRESSING THAT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT SERVED BETTER BY DEVELOPING AUTHENTIC EFFECTIVE LEADERS FOR EXISTING PARTIES RATHER THAN CREATION OF OTHER PARTIES WITH LESS WEIGHT AND LESS ABILITY TO MOBILIZE DIVERSE CURRENTS OF OPINION. PREAMBLE CONCLUDES BY REITERATING GOVERNMENT'S CONVICTION THAT ITS PROGRAM OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IS MAJOR STIMULUS TO POLITICAL AND CIVIC MATURITY.

2. LATER, MESSAGE RECALLED GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO STIMULATE THE PARTICIPATION OF WORKERS AND YOUTH IN THE POLITICAL LIFE OF THE COUNTRY. IN THE AREA OF INTERNAL SECURITY, IT DISCUSSES CURRENT EFFORTS TO EXPAND GREATLY AND IMPROVE THE FEDERAL POLICE.

3. IN ITS FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECTION, PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE STATES THAT BRAZIL IS IN A STATE OF TRANSITION IN ITS EXTERNAL RELATIONS. THE SUPERPOWERS, IT ADDS, IN THEIR SEARCH FOR AREAS OF CONVERGENCE, HAVE CREATED AN OPENING FOR A SYSTEM OF POWER LESS BI-POLAR IN NATURE, THUS MAKING POSSIBLE THE RELAXATION OF THE AUTOMATIC ALIGNMENTS OF THE POSTWAR ERA, WITHOUT SIGNIFYING BRAZIL'S ABANDONMENT OF THE VALUES HELD IN COMMON WITH OTHER NATIONS.

4. THE REPORT THEN CATALOGUED SIGNIFICANT GOB DIPLOMATIC ACTIONS, CHIEFLY MEETINGS, AGREEMENTS AND VISIT, DURING THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAST YEAR IN AN AREA-BY-AREA SURVEY. NEW AGREEMENTS WITH THE US WERE MENTIONED IN THE AREAS OF FISHING AND THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT. U.S. TRADE ACT WAS SEEN AS RECRUDESCENCE OF PROTECTIONISM WHICH BY ITS APPLICATION OF COUNTERVAILING DUTIES ON BRAZILIAN EXPORTS HAS CONTRIBUTED TO CONCERN OVER THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE AMONG THE TWO NATIONS.

5. DISCUSSING THE UN, THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE STATES THAT BRAZIL

HAD MAINTAINED ITS POSITION OF PRINCIPLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST BY MAINTAINING ITS RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST BUT ALSO ACKNOWLEDGING THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINE PEOPLE TO SELF-DETERMINATION . MESSAGE MAKES NO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SUCH CONTROVERSIAL

FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES AS VOTE TO CONDEMN ZIONISM AND EARLY RECOGNITION OF ANGOLA, THOUGH IT DOES RESTATE DIPLOMATIC PRIORITY OF PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING AFRICAN STATES.

6. CONCERNING THE LAW OF THE SEA, THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE SAW THE GREAT RESULT OF THE GENEVA MEETING AS THE ADHERENCE OF MANY NATIONS TO THE CONCEPT OF THE 200-MILE LIMIT. THE NUCLEAR AGREEMENT WITH FRG WAS SINGLED OUT AS A LANDMARK IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE SUCCESS OF THE AGREEMENT WILL MAKE BRAZIL, IN THE EYES OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD, A VALID PARTNER IN THE FIELDS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION HERETOFORE JEALOUSLY RESERVED TO THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP AMONG INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES.

7. IN HIS MILITARY AFFAIRS SECTION, PRESIDENT GEISEL PRAISED THE ARMED FORCES FOR THEIR ROLE IN THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY. MENTION WAS MADE OF THE BILATERAL EXERCISES THE BRAZILIAN NAVY CONDUCTED WITH THE RESPECTIVE NAVIES OF THE U.S., GREAT BRITAIN, AND FRANCE. THE MESSAGE DISCUSSED BRIEFLY THE ARMED FORCES MODERNIZATION PROGRAM, CITING INCREASED EMPHASIS ON DEVELOPING DOMESTIC SOURCES FOR THE NEEDED EQUIPMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION IT MENTIONS THE NAVY'S SHIP CONTRUCTION PROGRAM, THE ARMY'S SUPPORT FOR THE DOMESTIC ARMAMENTS INDUSTRY, AND THE PROGRESS OF THE BRAZILIAN AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY (EMBRAER)--UNDER AIR FORCE AUSPICES--IN TRIPLING PRODUCTION AND PROVING BRAZIL WITH A VALUABLE EXPORT PRODUCT.

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8. COMMENT: POLITICAL, INTERNATIONAL AND MILITARY PORTIONS OF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ON THE WHOLE CONTAIN NO SURPRISES AND ARE NOT NOTABLY REVEALING (ECONOMIC PORTIONS WILL BE ANALYZED IN SEPTEL). OBSERVERS AND COMMENTATORS HAVE NOTED THAT MESSAGE CONSIDERABLY MORE LACONIC THAN IN 1975 AND LACKED THE TONE OF EXPANSIVE OPTIMISM AND TRIUMPHALISM OF THE 1975 VERSION. OVERALL TONE OF MESSAGE GIVES IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS RATHER HASTILY PUT TOGETHER ON BASIS OF PRO-FORMA INPUTS FROM DIFFERENT MINISTRIES AND THAT IT DID NOT RECEIVE A GREAT DEAL OF HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION OR POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT. IN PART, DOCUMENT DESIGNED TO BE USED AS HANDY REFERENCE WORK OF GOVERNMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO BOLSTER ARENA IN NOVEMBER 1976 ELECTIONS, WHICH MESSAGE ONCE AGAIN AFFIRMS WILL BE HELD--WITH REASONABLE DEMOCRATIC SAFEGUARDS BUT WELL WITHIN IDEOLOGICAL BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY THE PRECEPTS OF THE REVOLUTION ITSELF.

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